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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641
Applicant: Hirokatsu SHIMADA
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO CONTROL
PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS
ARE CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL
Confirmation No.: 7764
Customer No.: 24367
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004, which provides for a response period ending April 9, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: